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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: ETHIOPIAN DELEGATION VISITS KHARTOUM

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1. DIRG DELEGATION LED BY MAJOR ASRATA DESTA, HEAD DIRG INFORMATION COMMITTEE, MET AUG 1 WITH NIMEIRI HERE. ACCORDING TO SUNA REPORT, ETHIOPIAN DELEGATION DELIVERED MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT TEFERE BENTE CONGRATULATING HIM ON DEFEAT "OF FOREIGN INVASION AGAINST SUDAN". NIMEIRI EXPLAINED TO ETHIOPIAN DELEGATION CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE PLOT AND PRESENTED DOCUMENTS ON MOVEMENTS OF MERCENARIES FROM PLACES WHERE THEY HAD BEEN SUPPLIED WITH ARMS AND FROM WHICH THEY HAD BEEN TRANSPORTED TO INVADE SUDAN. NIMEIRI ASSURED ETHIOPIAN DELEGATION THAT "ETERNAL" RELATIONS BETWEEN PEOPLES OF SUDAN AND ETHIOPIA WOULD REMAIN STRONG.
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2. IN DAYS IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING COUP ATTEMPT,SUDANESE MEDIA MADE NUMBER REFERENCES TO FACT SOME OF REBELS CAME FROM ETHIOPIA. FONOFF U/SEC MIRGHANI TOLD AMBASSADOR AT
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SAME TIME THAT GOS FOR PRESENT PAYING LESS ATTENTION THIS

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ASPECT IN ORDER GIVE PRIORITY TO LIBYAN INVOLVEMENT. HOWEVER, NIMEIRI AND TEFERE BENTE EVIDENTLY HAD CORDIAL MEETING AT PORT LOUIS DURING OAU SUMMIT AND RECENT REFERENCES TO ETHIOPIA IN CONNECTION COUP EVENTS HAVE BEEN SPARSE. SUNA ITEM AUGUST 1 REPORTING TRIAL OUTSIDE KHARTOUM OF ADDITIONAL 210 ACCUSED OF COMPLICITY IN COUP QUOTES ACCUESED TO EFFECT THEY HAD RECEIVED MILITARY TRAINING IN ETHIOPIA AT "GONDORA, SHADEIDI EL KHOR AND SHAHEIDI EL BAHR" BUT NO EFFORT MADE IMPUTE ETHIOPIAN GOVT. ROLE THEREIN.

3. COMMENT: WHILE GOS HAS SO FAR MADE NOTHING OF SUCH USE ETHIOPIAN TERRITORY IN ITS PUBLIC COMMENTS RE GOS/ ETHIOPIAN RELATIONS, WE ASSUME PRIMARY PURPOSE ASRATA DESTA'S VISIT IS TO FORESTALL ANY SUCH PLOY BY REASSURING SUDANESE AS TO DIRG INTENTIONS. FOR ONCE, ISSUE OF NIMEIRI'S LONG-STANDING ERITREAN MEDIATION HAS PROBABLY TAKEN SECOND PLACE IN GOS/DIRG TALKS. BREWER

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